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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rules 1.56 and 1.98, References AA-AM (Sheet 1 of 4) and AA-AD (Sheet 2 of 4) listed on Form PTO-1449 are cited and discussed on Pages 3-5, 8, 12-15, 24 and 26 of the referenced patent application and are brought

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to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

The remaining references listed on Form PTO-1449 are also brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

The following co-pending patent applications are cited and discussed on Pages 17 and 25 of the referenced patent application and are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

Applicants: Leon Eugene CHAMBERS, Jr. et al.
Serial No.: 10/036,854
Filing Date: 21 December 2001
Title: IMPROVED PARTICULATE ADDITION
METHOD AND APPARATUS
Attorney Docket No.: KCC-16,075

Applicants: Nancy Birbiglia LANGE et al.
Serial No.: 10/036,755
Filing Date: 21 December 2001
Title: MATERIAL ENHANCEMENT TO MAINTAIN HIGH
ABSORBENT CAPACITY UNDER HIGH LOADS
FOLLOWING RIGOROUS PROCESS CONDITIONS
Attorney Docket No.: KCC-16,537

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Form PTO-1449 (4 pages) is enclosed with a copy of each and every reference cited on Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each of cited co-pending patent applications.

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